

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Claims 40-50 are pending in this application. Claims 1-39 were previously canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 40 and 50 have been amended to correct clear typographical errors. In this regard, the Claim 40 recitation of $(\alpha_2 + B_1)$ in the Preliminary Amendment filed on September 9, 2003, was incorrectly changed to read $(\alpha_2 + \beta)$ instead of the intended recitation of $(\alpha_2 + \beta_1)$ by the supplemental Preliminary Amendment filed on March 19, 2004. In addition the Claim 50 recitation of α_T that inappropriately suggest that "T" is a subscript annotation along with "i" and which is inconsistent with the presentation of α_T in Claim 40 from which Claim 50 indirectly depends, has been amended to be consistent with Claim 40 by clarifying that "T" is a subscript.

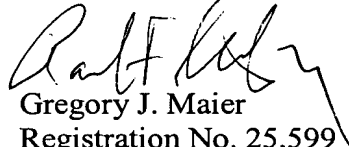
Applicants submit that no new matter has been added by the foregoing amendments to Claims 40 and 50 and that the presently proposed typographical error correction to Claims 40 and 50 is clearly a formal matter requiring no further search or other considerations on the merits.

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Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that this amendment under 37
CFR §1.312 should be entered as being directed only to matters of form.

Respectfully submitted,

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